



# Civilian Gallantry Award

**MEMO DATE:** 13 January 2020

**TO:** Administrator Matt Giese

**FROM:** Chief Dan Layber

**RE:** Civilian Gallantry Award

## OVERVIEW/BACKGROUND

On Saturday, December 14, 2019, in the Village of Cottage Grove, Officer Brian Carter of the Cottage Grove Police Department was attempting to detain an 18-year-old subject for a disturbance and suspicious activity at a gas station. The subject was acting oddly, refused to leave the gas station after being refused to purchase tobacco, and was scaring and harassing customers. Upon Officer Carter contacting the subject, he refused Officer Carter's order to stop and kept walking down a nearby street. Officer Carter then attempted to stop the subject by grabbing at his arm. The subject responded by attempting to strike Officer Carter and pushed him. A struggle ensued with both falling to the ground and at one point the subject attempted to grab the Officer's gun. At this point in time, Jude Wolf, who was watching this situation unfold from the gas station parking lot, pulled his vehicle out onto the street, blocked traffic, exited his vehicle and physically intervened in helping officer Carter arrest this subject. There was no hesitation on Mr. Wolf's part, and his physical intervention was effective in moving the subject from on top of the Officer to a position where he could be handcuffed.

## DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION

We will present the Civilian Gallantry Award to Mr. Jude Wolf of Cottage Grove for his quick and decisive actions on December 14, 2019, wherein he physically intervened in a struggle between a Police Officer and a subject, quickly resulting in the subject being placed in custody. Mr. Wolf's gallantry is to be commended due to his lack of regard for his own safety and the civic duty he didn't hesitate to provide to an Officer in need.

